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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 34

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

JOHN PINTO

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCREASE THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE INDIAN ROADS CONSTRUCTION FUND TO THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$300, 000, 000) PER YEAR.

WHEREAS, through various treaties and acts of congress, the federal government has promised Indian tribes certain goods and services, one of which is transportation services, to serve the social and economic needs of Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes are totally dependent on the federal transportation programs for their transportation needs due to the fact that under federal law Indian tribes are not eligible to administer federal highway trust funds directly or eligible to receive a portion of fuel tax revenue collected on Indian reservations for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to improve transportation

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1 services on the Indian reservations throughout the United States
2 to promote economic development, improve health care, enhance
3 education and increase employment; and

4 WHEREAS, the Indian tribes and pueblos recognize and
5 appreciate the support the transportation programs have
6 contributed to the success of many social and economic
7 development efforts on all Indian reservations; and

8 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Surface Transportation Assistance
9 Act of 1982, the United States secretary of transportation is to
10 allocate funds authorized to be appropriated for Indian
11 reservation roads in accordance with the "relative needs" of the
12 various Indian reservations;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be requested
15 to increase the funding level of the Indian roads construction
16 fund to three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) per year;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because of the importance of
19 increasing the funding level of Indian roads construction funds
20 the legislature request that the bureau of Indian affairs
21 implement immediately the relative needs distribution formula;
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the
25 United States secretary of the interior, the United States

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secretary of transportation and the Navajo nation.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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11 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 34
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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16 Respectfully submitted,
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21 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Gorham

Absent: None

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**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

March 18, 1997

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT number _____ to SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 34

AMENDMENT sponsored by SENATOR RAWSON

- 1. On page 1, line 19, strike the word "totally".**

Senator Leonard Lee Rawson

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

March 18, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

**Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been
referred**

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 34, as amended

**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Silva, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Gentry, Parsons, Silva, Whitaker

Absent: Watchman

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